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NIXON TO C'TTEE: I WON'T TESTIFY

SAN CLEMENTE, California. — President Nixon informed the U.S. Senate Watergate Committee yesterday he will "decline to appear personally under any circumstances before your committee or to grant access to Presidential files... At an appropriate time during your hearings, I intend to address publicly the subjects you are considering."

In a letter to Committee chairman Senator Sam J. Ervin (Democrat-North Carolina), Nixon said: "I consider it my Constitutional responsibility to avoid an appearance before the panel or to make available Presidential papers requested by the committee."

Referring to requests for documents made to White House Counsel Leonard Garment by Ervin, Nixon wrote: "The pending requests... would move us from proper Presidential cooperation with a Senate Committee to jeopardizing the fundamental Constitutional role of the Presidency."

WILL COOPERATE
The President said the White House "will continue to cooperate fully with the committee in furnishing information relevant to its investigation except in those instances where I determine that meeting the committee's demands would violate my Constitutional responsibility to defend the office of the Presidency against encroachment by other branches."

Earlier, Senator Baker, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Watergate committee, said he hoped the panel could "write a definitive statement on Watergate, with the help of an informal meeting with President Nixon."

Nixon said his decision was based on his desire to withhold information vital to your inquiry, and said his staff was under instruction to cooperate fully in furnishing information pertinent to the Watergate investigation.

The letter is Nixon's first direct communication with the Ervin committee, which has been investigating the Watergate and other charges of widespread wrongdoing by the President and his staff.

As his precedent for refusing to testify before the committee, Nixon cited the example of the late President Harry Truman, who rejected a subpoena to appear before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities in November, 1953, almost a year after he had left the White House.

Nixon's decision, according to Presidential spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler, means that no documents prepared by the President or his top aides during his entire tenure in the White House will be made available to the Watergate committee.

Ziegler made the letter public here as it was being delivered to Ervin in Washington. He said the committee had not made a formal request for personal testimony although it had requested some Presidential documents.

Mr. Nixon's letter said: "Formulation of sound public policy requires that the President and his personal staff be able to communicate among themselves in complete candor and that their tentative judgments, their explorations of alternatives, and their frank comments on issues and personalities at home and abroad remain confidential."

(AP, UPI, Reuters)
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MIDDLE EAST ISSUE DELAYS PARLEY'S CLOSE

Helsinki meet ends after 6-hour dispute

HELSINKI (UPI). — The first round of the European security conference staggered to close yesterday after a last-minute six-hour dispute over the wording of the communique.

Foreign Ministers of 35 nations of East and West began their talks last Tuesday and adopted a set of principles on which the future of Europe should be based. They spent the rest of the week laying out their different ideas of what these principles met. But the meeting nearly broke down in what was supposed to have been a brief closing ceremonial session.

While 1,200 glasses of French champagne were warm in the lobby outside, the ministers debated whether the communique should include a reference to the Maltese demand that Tunisia and Algeria be represented here. In the end, the debate centered on whether there should be a communique at all.

Malta insisted that Algeria and Tunisia should be mentioned by name in the communique. Several other delegations maintained that the communique should include merely a general reference to Mediterranean countries — implying that it should also cover Israel, which had asked for access to the conference similar to any granted to the two Arab states.

At one point it looked as though the conference would close with an unhappy note with no communique. The Maltese demand had been defeated and most of the nations were opposed to mentioning it in the communique. The Soviet Union insisted on a communique, but without reference to the two Arab states. A communique finally was produced. It included a statement about the Malta demand, but said that no consensus had been reached on this.

Diplomats admitted that the wrangle at the closing session obscured much of what had been accomplished here, including agreement on the sweeping set of principles governing everything from relations between governments to the need for easier East-West marriages.

EXPERTS TO MEET
Experts from the 35 nations will gather in Geneva on September 18 to try to refine these principles into concrete recommendations. These recommendations, in turn, are to be endorsed at a further and final round, probably at the summit, sometime this year or next.

At points, the debate verged toward farce. French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert said there was no need for a communique. Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Peter, who was chairman, agreed with this.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko then said he agreed with Mr. Jobert — that a communique was needed. There was no way of knowing if Mr. Gromyko's misstatement was deliberate or not. Mr. Peter then urged the ministers on toward a communique.

Mr. Jobert left to catch a waiting plane. Britain's Sir Alec Douglas-Home and even Malta's Premier Dom Mintoff had left earlier.

The communique included one other change demanded by Britain. The original said the talks had been "constructive and businesslike," but Britain, perhaps in response to the scene yesterday, insisted that this be changed to a promise by governments "to contribute to the success of the further work of the conference."

After the session, Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers grabbed a quick glass of champagne, then rushed off to lunch together at the Soviet Embassy. Their meal had already been postponed 90 minutes by that time.

Meir appeal on inflation
Premier Golda Meir has appealed to both the Histadrut and the economic organizations' coordinating bureau to continue to work in the "tripartite" anti-inflation committee she appointed last February.

Mrs. Meir's appeal, directed to Histadrut secretary-general Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and to Mark Mosevich, president of the Manufacturers' Association, said that since all sectors are cooperating in the Government price freeze, it is possible to discuss basic steps for curbing inflationary pressures.

Five Lebanese fishermen held
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Five Lebanese fishermen were arrested by an Israeli Navy patrol yesterday as they fished with explosives in Israeli waters off Rosh Hanikva.

The five were among Lebanese fishermen who penetrated to Israeli waters in a small motorboat and set off charges. As the five leaped into the sea to gather the fish, their vessel fled at the approach of the Navy boat, leaving them in the water.

These men were picked up and taken to Haifa to be turned over to the coastal police. They will be charged and tried for illegal fishing as well as for illegal entry.

Rumor forms new Italian coalition
ROME (AP). — Mariano Rumor formed a new coalition government yesterday, swinging Italy back to the left in an attempt to pull the country out of its worst economic slump in decades.

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Iraq executes security chief, 22 coup leaders

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Iraq's Director of Public Security, Nazem Kazkar, and 22 "associates" were executed yesterday by a firing squad in Baghdad after having been convicted of involvement in last weekend's abortive coup attempt against the five-year-old Ba'athist regime of President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr.

The official announcement said that those executed with Colonel Kazkar included two lieutenants, seven public security commissioners, six non-communized security officials and seven other people whose positions were not specified.

Colonel Kazkar was accused of having masterminded the coup attempt in which Defence Minister Hamud Shihab was killed and Iraq's Minister Sa'dun Ghaidan was wounded.

The execution of Kazkar and his associates took place a few hours after Baghdad announced the completion of the trial. The mysterious high-level intrigue coincided with the arrival of President Bakr from a week-long visit to Bulgaria and Poland.

The Iraqi News Agency said that Kazkar was tried by a special tribunal, which passed his death sentence, adding that the execution was carried out at midday yesterday.

The agency indicated that more people might be executed, noting that those condemned yesterday were only the first group in "Kazkar's clique which carried out last week's criminal attempt."

Kazkar and his associates were the fourth major group of Iraqis to be executed for anti-government activity since President Bakr's Ba'ath Party took over power in a coup in July 1968.

All those put to death yesterday were accused of having "deviated from the real path of the revolution and the party," a statement by the Iraqi tribunal said yesterday. The tribunal warned that the death punishment it passed was a "lesson to anyone who contemplates going above the will of the party and the revolution and plotting against the people's achievements."

Iraq's Information Minister, Hamud al-Jubouri, earlier on Friday charged that Kazkar had personally shot Shihab and Ghaidan after luring them to a banquet. Jubouri said the two ministers were taken at gunpoint, forced to strip to their underwear, and kept locked in a dungeon by Kazkar, while other government officials were at Baghdad Airport awaiting the return of President al-Bakr from his East European tour.

After Kazkar's plot was discovered, a cross-country chase involving troop-carrying helicopters was launched at the order of President Bakr, Jubouri said. Meanwhile, Kazkar had fled during the night with his hostages in a convoy of 18 cars, heading in the direction of the Iranian border, Jubouri added. The convoy was spotted at dawn, by which

Sadat's adviser going to Russia
CAIRO (UPI). — Presidential adviser Hafez Ismail will leave on Thursday on a three-day visit to the Soviet Union, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

It said Ismail, who is President Sadat's adviser on national security affairs, will have talks with Soviet leaders on the Middle East situation and the Soviet-American detente. Ismail visited Moscow last February.

Brezhnev note given to Assad
DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria's President Hafez al-Assad yesterday received a message from Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, handed over by Andrei Kirilenko, Soviet Politburo member. (Earlier Story — Page 4)

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THE TEAM
The team is led by Jack Graham, for whom this is his fifth Maccabiah as a leader of the British team.
The youngest member of the team is vivacious Vivian Wallis, a 12-year-old swimmer, who devoted six hours training daily in order to make England's Maccabiah squad.
The oldest participant will be Jeff Ingber, the 38-year-old former table tennis gold medalist and durable England International.
Sweden has sent a surprisingly large contingent of 63 athletes, for a country with a Jewish population of only 15,000. The team includes the swimming twins, Anita and Bent Zarnowicki, 19. Anita is Swedish champion and represented her country at the Munich Olympics. In the contingent too is Scandinavian weightlifting champion Nils Bollovi. The leader of the contingent is Swedish Judge David Gineck.
Ten times Dutch heavyweight wrestling champion Bernard Kops, 38, was one of the few athletes to quit the Olympic games in Munich after the murder of the 11 members of Israel's team.
Among the non-Jewish guests of the Maccabiah are the Dutch Olympic heavyweight judo champion, William Ruska, and Kenyan runners Anos Bwett, Thomas Mawen and Sabina Sebicki. (See page 3)

NINTH MACCABIAH OPENS TOMORROW
By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — All the major contingents for the 9th Maccabiah Games opening in Ramat Gan Stadium tomorrow night have arrived and most of the athletes from 27 countries spent the week busily training.
The overseas athletes also added a great splash of color and youthful sparkle to the streets of Tel Aviv.
The 240-strong American contingent is the largest from abroad and is staying at the Ramat Aviv Hotel. Its 199 athletes, including 25 girls, will contest 18 of the 20 sports. Team captain Jack Abramson said it was the largest team the Americans had yet sent to any Maccabiah, being particularly strong in swimming and diving, water polo, basketball, golf, tennis, boxing, judo, wrestling and rowing.
Maccabiah romance has also brought an outstanding runner to the American team in Lorraine Lotz-Abramson. She was the golden girl of the 1965 7th Maccabiah, when she won first places in the 100, 200 and 400-meter races when running for South Africa. She then met swimmer Richard Abramson, of the U.S. Maccabiah team, to whom she is now married.
Britain too has sent its largest ever team to the Maccabiah, comprising 184 athletes and 10 officials.

Israel, Tunisia Bourguiba says Jordan trade blame is 'artificial state': should become Palestinian
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel and Tunisia, each accused the other over the weekend of following a possible meeting between President Bourguiba and Premier Golda Meir. Mr. Bourguiba said in an interview published yesterday in the Paris paper "Le Monde" that a meeting with Israeli leaders was "unthinkable and useless" because of the gulf between the two sides. Israel was still trying to hold on to the conquered territories, said Bourguiba, as a prior condition to talks. He told the newspaper that he was in Israel's official capital, Tel Aviv, in reaction that the meeting had failed to materialize because Mr. Bourguiba had not taken up Israel's call to fix a time and place.
The Israeli officials recalled that within 48 hours of Mr. Bourguiba's original suggestion for a meeting, Foreign Minister Abba Eban had publicly proposed that the time and place be arranged through diplomatic channels. (Mr. Eban said last week no reply had yet been forthcoming to this.)
The officials stressed that a meeting could take place without prior conditions, even though Mr. Bourguiba had said he thought Israel should withdraw to the 1947 Partition borders. Israel was prepared to talk with Bourguiba despite this "precondition" of his — it would point out to him if ever the talks took place that the 1947 lines were now unacceptable.
Mr. Bourguiba told "Le Monde" that he had made his proposal for two reasons:
"Because maintaining the status quo can only result in more hatred and further complicate the problem, and I have noticed a great change in some Arab leaders regarding the existence of Israel. I refer, for example to the statement by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan al-Sayyat in which he says that the Arab states are ready to recognize Israel and make peace."
But the Egyptian willingness to make peace did not encompass the "Greater Israel" that emerged after the 1967 war but the Israel of 1947, said Bourguiba.

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No chance of realizing plot Kahane wins appeal: released on bond

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defence League, has finally won his month-long battle to be released from custody. The Supreme Court allowed his appeal on Friday and ordered him to put up IL100,000 bail.

Kahane was arrested on June 7 and indicted by Jerusalem District Court June 28 on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and murder "foreign political persons" in the U.S. The American-born JDL leader admitted having written to his followers in the U.S. (the letters were intercepted by the censor) urging them to kidnap a Soviet diplomat. But he denied plotting any murders.

The District Court had turned down his request to be freed until his trial because of the gravity of the charges. Judge Avinoam Eden said he believed Kahane was sincere when he said "I would suspend his activities until the trial, but said he doubted whether he would be able to stick to his promise."

Taking his case to the Supreme Court, Kahane claimed there was no danger of his carrying out any "plots," since his letters had never reached their destination. Justice Moshe Landau, hearing the arguments of Kahane's lawyers and State Attorney General Ezer Weizman, ruled to free the accused JDL leader until his trial.

Kahane's father, also a rabbi, who was present during the proceedings, put up half the IL100,000 bail.

Focus on 'Palestinian issue' encourages terror - Rabin

A growing tendency among the Arab states to focus world attention on the "Palestinian issue" may encourage terrorist organizations to strike at more Israeli targets abroad, the former Chief of Staff and Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, said yesterday.

Speaking in an interview over the radio's "Weekly News," Mr. Rabin said the Arab states were promoting a Palestine political entity because of their own failures in the military and political arena. He said Israel should make every effort to prevent the Palestine issue from becoming a focal point of the Middle East dispute.

"Otherwise I fear it will create conditions encouraging an acceleration of the murderous activity of the terrorist organizations," he said. The key to war or peace, he added, lies in relations between Israel and the Arab states, particularly Egypt.

On the killing of the Israeli air attaché, Ahim-Mishael Yosef Alon, in Washington last week, Mr. Rabin said maximum measures should be taken to protect Israeli diplomats abroad, "but not at the expense of diplomatic activity." He said the great change in Israel-U.S. relations had come about as a result of "patient, daily contacts with Americans from all walks of life," which created an understanding on the part of the American public of Israel's problems. This would not have been possible had the Israelis shut themselves up in a "ghetto," he stated.

'ISRAELI CONNECTION' Police suspect huge drug-traffic ring

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv police are looking for a large number of suspects (reportedly dozens) said to be part of an "Israeli connection" in an international drug traffic ring. The search was launched after the discovery of 12 kilograms of pure opium and 12 sticks of hashish worth (together) over half a million pounds. (If exported to Canada, for instance, the price of the 22 kilos of pure opium would have jumped to about \$5m.) This was the largest haul of pure opium in the history of the Tel Aviv police.

On Friday four suspects arrested during the raid on the Sami-Car used car lot in the Kiryat Shalom quarter of South Tel Aviv were remanded by Tel Aviv Magistrate Elisha Vinograd for 15 days. The four are Moshe Dushi, Yehuda Lavi, Raphael Biton, and Arye Lesnick. The police prosecutor, Rav-Samir Rishon Shlomo Tzoref, told Judge Vinograd how the seven detectives of the Tel Aviv Narcotics Squad, together with a hashish-detecting dog and his guide, searched Sami-Car on Thursday but found no narcotics. The big haul was found later

by the dog, on the other side of the fence, in a hole which had been previously camouflaged.

Rav-Samir Rishon Tzoref said police believe the narcotics are being smuggled into Israel through the administered areas. The drugs are then packaged and distributed in Israel and some of them are exported.

"Since Thursday the police have been searching for Sami Shohana, the owner of Sami-Car, but have not been able to find him," he said. "He called us several times and said he was on his way to the police station, but he has not yet appeared."

Zvi Lidsky, who represented three of the suspects (Moshe Dushi was not represented by a lawyer), argued that the police evidence was "very vague" and insufficient grounds for remand. At this point the police prosecutor showed the magistrate some information which he requested should not be shown to the defense or made public.

Judge Vinograd ruled, according to the secret information, that the evidence was sufficient to remand the four. He ordered them kept in custody for 15 days.



Three members of the U.S. contingent at the Ninth Maccabiah (left to right): Joel Kishin, heavyweight wrestler, weighing in at 150 kilograms; Lorrain Abrahamson, sprinter, formerly Lorrain Lotz of South Africa, who won three gold medals at the Seventh Maccabiah; and Aaron Grandison, basketball player, a student at Yeshiva University High School.

Third largest Maccabiah team arrives from Australia

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Australia has sent an impressive 101-strong contingent to the Ninth Maccabiah — more than double that of four years ago and the third biggest overseas team at the games (after the U.S. and South Africa).

The contingent comprises 83 athletes (65 men and 18 women), 10 coaches and officials, and a group of eight girls from Sydney who will give displays of eurythmics all over the country. These start tomorrow, when the group makes its debut here at the festive opening of the games at the Ramat Gan Stadium. The Australian sportsmen range in age from 17-year-old lawn bowler Harry Leighton, believed to be the Ninth Maccabiah's oldest competitor, to track-and-field entry Michelle Opt and swimmer Debbie Bow, both 15.

The Aussies, who are based at the Ramat Aviv Hotel here, are competing in just half of the 20 sports being contested at the games. The Jerusalem Post was informed yesterday by team manager Ben Burstin and assistant assistant manager Alan Breckler. (Burstin was a triple-jump gold medalist in the 1957 Maccabiah, at which Australia was represented by only a dozen sportsmen.)

Biggest entry is the 18-strong bowls team, which is managed by Australian Maccabi Council president Joe Rosen — for whom this will be the fourth successive Maccabiah. Mr. Rosen's immediate predecessor as Council president, Lou Rose, is also here with the contingent.

Following bowls, the Aussies have 15 track and field participants, 14 cricketers and 12 basketballers. However, no tennis players are included. It was not possible to find a Jewish player of sufficiently high calibre in this sport.

Stars of the contingent are



weightlifter Ivan Katz, 19, Australian and Commonwealth champion in the featherweight class, and track-and-field "all-rounder" Linda Welman, 20, who (as Linda Sharp) won a gold medal in the 100-metre hurdles at the 1969 games. The cricket team is led by Sydney wicketkeeper-batsman Marshal Rosen, who plays for New South Wales in the prestigious inter-state Sheffield Shield competition.

The fact that it is now mid-winter Down Under, and the outdoor sports season ended in March, has presented some problems for the Australians. However, since arriving on Tuesday all the sportsmen have been undergoing regular acclimatization training and are now in peak condition. Burstin and Breckler report the two men have "high hopes" for Australia in bowls, basketball, cricket, swimming, track and field and weightlifting. They predicted "at least bronze medals" in all of these, "as well as several golds."

Total cost of the contingent's trip is 100,000 Australian dollars (IL600,000). Most team members paid their own way, with the balance being raised by local Maccabi associations and clubs.

Water polo teams beats Iran 4:2

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's national water polo team yesterday defeated Iran 4:2 in a play-off match in Tehran to qualify for a place in the world water polo championships in Yugoslavia later this summer.

The play-off was necessary after the two countries finished the three-match series between them on level terms, each winning and losing one with the third being drawn. Scorers for Israel yesterday were Roshan (4:2) and Rosenfeld (2:2).

CAESAREA GOLF

CAESAREA. — Yesterday's AHS (Best Ball Medal golf) competition was won by Keith Rodman of Rhodesia, Benay Cohen of Sayron, Dov Peleg of Herzliya Pituah and Zvi Oria of Kfar Sussanyahu with a net of 58. Runners up with the same score, but losing on the back 9, were Howard Taylor of the U.K., Bernard Diamond, Elisha Herman and Bruce Jacob, all of Herzliya Pituah.

KNESSET BODY PROPOSES:

Schneller lands should be leased — not sold

The Knesset Finance Committee has recommended that the Schneller lands in Jerusalem, whose controversial sale at a 1970 price has been held up following criticism in the Knesset, be leased rather than sold to the German investor involved.

The sale was frozen, pending the Committee's findings, after Knesset members Zelman Shoval (State List) and Uri Avnery (Israel Radical Party — Meretz) complained that the Lands Administration was selling businessman Aryeh Paloch lands worth IL20m. for a IL5.5m. price agreed on three years ago. Ending its discussion of the matter, the Committee announced on Friday that all the steps leading to the proposed sale were within the law. But it recommended that, in light of the great rise in the land's value since the 1970 deal — the Lands be leased rather than sold.

All efforts should be made to fix the property's value as of the time it is actually transferred, the Committee said. It added that — as lessee — Mr. Paloch's down-payment (IL1.25m.) should be linked

to the C-o-L Index and should earn interest until he takes over the property.

The Committee took official note of the statement of the Israel Lands Administration that the present assessment of the property will be readjusted after six months rather than after a year. This change was suggested by the Agriculture Minister and by Meir Zorea, director of the Administration.

Committee member Yohanan Bader (Gahal) failed to carry his colleagues for a motion which would have ruled that, while the administration was blameless, the Lands Council had been seriously remiss in following the Government's recommendation to sell the plot without a tender. He had called for keeping to the principle that State lands are not to be sold without open bidding.

The Committee will lay its findings and recommendations before the Knesset tomorrow.

Kollek lauds Ja'abari for election stand

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek on Friday praised Hebron's Mayor, Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, for encouraging East Jerusalem Arabs to elect their own representatives to the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Mr. Kollek added that he hoped responsible leaders would thus be encouraged to put forward lists of Arab candidates and that representatives of East Jerusalem would "aid us in finding appropriate ways of solving the problems of the Arab residents."

Mayor Ja'abari's statement urging East Jerusalem residents to set up their own municipal lists was made at a Jewish-Arab friendship meeting in Hebron last Wednesday. (Jtm)

AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT was submitted to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Friday by the director of the Israel Intelligence Service.

Child victims of Patria to get tombstone

HAIFA. — A tombstone for 13 children who perished in the a.s. Patria, which was sunk by the Hagana in Haifa harbour in 1940, will be erected finally — nearly 33 years after the tragedy — in the Haifa cemetery.

The Patria, carrying 1,900 "illegal" immigrants transferred by the British Mandate authorities from the a.s. Pacific and the a.s. Milos, was sunk on November 25, 1940, in order to prevent the immigrants' deportation to Mauritius. The intention was only to sabotage the engines, but too large an explosive charge exploded prematurely, sinking the ship with a loss of 260 lives. Of these, 225 adults and 13 children were buried in the Haifa cemetery, but tombstones were placed only on the adults' graves. The father of one of the children, Yitzhak Kabiri, of Poriya, Hanna, appealed to various institutions and officials, including the Prime Minister, to allocate funds for the children's tombstones. Last week his efforts were crowned with success, and an agreement was signed with the Hevra Kadisha burial society for the erection of the stone. (Jtm)

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Shots fired at Border Police on Jordan frontier

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two single rifle shots were fired at a Border Police patrol vehicle near the Jordanian border Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred at 4.20 p.m. in the Hamadiya sector of the Bdsan Valley. The patrol returned the fire. No one was hurt. Military circles in Israel treated the shooting as an isolated incident, and did not feel it should be taken as a sign that terrorist activity along the Jordan frontier would be renewed. The last shooting in the area took place in September 1970, just after the Jordanians' purge of terrorists in their territory.

In 'Washington Post' interview King Faisal hints at oil pressure on U.S.

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia said in an interview published Friday that he would find it difficult to continue close cooperation with the United States if U.S. backing of Israel remained at its present level.

He said that, while America stands behind Israel, it gains nothing in return; adding that the real interest of the U.S. in this region is to cooperate with the Arabs.

King Faisal, who was interviewed by Jim Hoagland of the "Washington Post," said the traditionally strong ties between his country — the world's largest oil-exporting country — and the U.S. "depend on the United States having a more even-handed and just policy" in the Middle East. The "post" interpreted the King's remarks as backing statements recently by his Petroleum and Foreign Ministers that Saudi Arabia may be forced to freeze its oil production because of increased Arab resentment over American support to Israel.

King Faisal, who last summer said he was opposed to tying oil and politics together, said Saudi Arabia would like to continue its friendly links with the U.S.; but

that it would be difficult unless U.S. policy, now focused against the Arabs, was shifted toward neutrality.

In response to the Faisal interview, U.S. State Department spokesman Paul Hare said: "Our Middle East policy gives high priority to finding an equitable settlement of differences between Arabs and Israelis." He said the U.S. and Saudi Arabia have a common objective — finding a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

"As you know the U.S. has longstanding good relations with Saudi Arabia and has maintained a continuing dialogue with that government," Mr. Hare added.

100-day rule for Cabinet ministers

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Regular army officers, judges and religious court judges (dayanim) will have to have resigned their posts 100 days before they qualify for appointment to Cabinet posts, under a private member's bill by Reuven Arzi (Alignment-Mapam) which the Knesset approved on the first reading last week.

The Arzi bill was designed to prevent recurrence of cases such as that of Ezer Weizman, who resigned from the army after the day morning refused entry to 11 1969 elections to join the Cabinet posts, under a private member's bill by Reuven Arzi (Alignment-Mapam) which the Knesset approved on the first reading last week.

(Similar waiting period regulations exist for would-be Knesset members, but ministers in the Cabinet — like Weizman — do not have to resign before being appointed to Cabinet posts; so Mr. Arzi decided to table his bill to cover that loophole.)

Turks denied entry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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The Turks apparently intended to look for work in Israel, but had members, but ministers in the Cabinet — like Weizman — do not have to resign before being appointed to Cabinet posts; so Mr. Arzi decided to table his bill to cover that loophole.)

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Airline admits illegal \$79,000 to Nixon fund

Probe into Mafia links

WASHINGTON. — American Airlines' surprise admission on Friday that it pumped \$79,000 into President Nixon's re-election efforts looked certain to spur similar confessions from other major companies.

The illegal contribution was given after Nixon's personal lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach, asked for \$100,000 from the company, American Airlines Chairman George A. Spater said in a statement. He declined to answer questions about the matter.

Federal law provides penalties of up to two years in jail and \$10,000 fine for those who give or receive campaign donations from corporate funds.

Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox said American Airlines made its confession voluntarily, and that this "will be considered as a mitigating circumstance in deciding what charges to bring." In a two-page statement, he also said he hoped other corporate executives would admit any similar illegal gifts.

But he indicated that jail terms and fines might await corporate officers who attempt to keep such gifts secret. "Whether they come forward or not we intend to get to the bottom of illegal funding practices," Cox said.

A spokesman for Cox said no charges have yet been placed against American Airlines officials.

The airline's president said Kalmbach told him "We were among those from whom \$100,000 was expected." Mr. Spater said he was aware that Kalmbach was Mr. Nixon's attorney and also counsel for United Airlines, American's major competitor.

Spater said that American admitted the corporate gifts in an attempt to gain favorable treatment from Cox, and "also to focus attention on the evils of the present political fund raising system."

The total Nixon campaign fund was believed to have reached some \$60m. by election time last November. More than one-third of that was believed to have been donated before the tougher election laws went into effect in the preceding April. Some reports said as much as \$15m. might have been contributed by secret payments from big corporations.

Prosecutor Cox's Watergate mandate also includes a full-scale probe of the \$60m. handled by Creep — the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

In other developments, Senate investigators are probing possible links between the White House and the surprise release of jailed Mafia kingpin Angelo (Gyp) DeCarlo — who was freed in time for Christmas last year by Presidential executive clemency after serving two years of a 12-year term for extortion.

Senator Henry Jackson has linked his premature release to former White House lawyer John Dean and former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst, who headed the Justice Department when DeCarlo was freed.

"It would appear that normal procedures and safeguards were bypassed by the Attorney General and Presidential Counsel in this matter," Mr. Jackson said in making public letter to the present Attorney General, Elliot Richardson.

"Something smells, and I want to know what," the Senator said. He said the connection between Dean and the release of DeCarlo emerged during the investigation of stolen securities. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

Sadat, Gaddafi still talking

CAIRO (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi yesterday held more talks on the proposed merger of the two countries by next September, political sources said.

Gaddafi has been in Cairo since June 22, attempting to convince Egypt's political and intellectual leaders of the necessity of an immediate and full merger of the two countries. But Egyptian leaders advocated a stage-by-stage approach to unity.

The meeting contradicted a report in "Al-Ahram" newspaper which said the talks have ended and the Libyan leader will return to Tripoli within the next two days.

Assad confers with Politburo member

DAMASCUS (UPI). — President Hafez Assad held talks yesterday with Andrei Kirilenko, a member of the Soviet 15-man ruling Politburo.

Kirilenko arrived in Syria last week to attend celebrations marking the completion of the first stage of the Soviet-financed Euphrates Dam. He will pay an official visit to Lebanon tomorrow.

Kopechne's phone said bugged

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The "New York Times" said yesterday the telephone in Mary Jo Kopechne's house was illegally bugged soon after she was drowned in Senator Edward Kennedy's car off Chappaquiddick Island in 1969.

The report quoted a source close to the Senate Watergate Investigating Committee as saying the bugging device was planted at the Washington house where she lived with three other girls. It said the installation was carried out by two ex-New York policemen working for the White House.

Former White House lawyer John Dean told the Watergate Committee on June 26 that one of the ex-policemen, John Caulfield, told him that within six hours of the Chappaquiddick accident Anthony Ulasevics was on the scene conducting a private investigation and reporting back to Caulfield.

Dean also testified that he had been told to obtain information on the foreign travels of Mary Jo Kopechne and pass it on to Caulfield at the White House, the "Times" said.



Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia, in action against Russia's Alex Metrevel, whom he beat yesterday to win the Wimbledon singles crown for 1978. (AP radiophoto)

Billie Jean, Kodes win at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (UPI). — Billie Jean King trounced Chris Evert to win the all-American women's singles for the fifth time at the 87th Wimbledon tennis championships yesterday, and in a strange situation created by a professional boycott, Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia defeated Alex Metrevel of Russia for the men's title.

Billie Jean, 28, but never faster or sharper, disposed of the 18-year-old Miss Evert of Ford Lauderdale, Fla., 6-0, 7-5 in 56 minutes while Kodes, the second seed, defeated Metrevel, the fourth seed and first Russian to appear in the final, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

The first American women's final since 1957 brought championship tennis to the all-England centre court but the first East European final in the tournament's 96-year history was only there courtesy of the fact that 73 of the world's top professionals did not compete.

In the third of the day's finals, topseed Jimmy Connors of the U.S. and Ilie Nastase of Rumania beat the second-seeded Australian pair of John Cooper and 39-year-old Neale Fraser, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 8-6, 6-1.

Neither Kodes nor Metrevel will personally receive their prize money — \$12,500 to the champion and \$1,500 to the runnerup. But their national associations will probably give them a share of it.

Billie Jean won \$7,500 in achieving her ambition to become the first woman in half a century to win five Wimbledon singles titles. Miss Evert receives \$5,000.

Joe E. Brown, one of America's best-loved entertainers, died Friday.

He was 81. Brown had a history of heart trouble and also suffered a stroke several years ago. He had not performed in several years.

Brown was known as much for his good works in private life as he was for his entertainment career which spanned more than 60 years. His career began when he joined a circus at the age of nine. He spent 25 years on the wires and trapezes and had a brief fling at professional baseball in his teens.

He and his wife Kathryn, married in 1915, had one natural son, Don, adopted three other children, and took in a number of foster children over the years.

The great tragedy of their life came in October of 1942, when Don, a captain in the old Army Air Corps, died in the crash of a plane he was piloting near Palm Springs, Calif. He was 26.

Brown is survived by his widow, a son, Joe L. Brown, general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Joe E. Brown dies at 81

1940's movie star, Veronica Lake, 51

BURLINGTON, Vermont (AP). — Veronica Lake, who gained movie fame in the 1940s with her long blonde peek-a-boo hair-do, died yesterday of acute hepatitis at the Medical Centre of Vermont. She was 51. Among her best-remembered films was "This Gun for Hire," a movie that introduced the late Alan Ladd to the screen.

The diminutive actress, who weighed less than 45 kilos, appeared in 36 movies during her decade of stardom, then faded into obscurity. At her peak, she earned \$4,500 a week.

Ten years ago in New York she tried to revive her acting career in an off-Broadway revival of "Best Foot Forward." About a year and a half earlier she had been found working in a second-rate hotel as a cocktail lounge waitress. Reports gave the impression of an ex-movie star fallen on hard times. She died of a heart attack.

For the past several months she made her home in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, awaiting a divorce from a fourth husband.

Cables in brief

PHONES. — Telephone disruptions plagued Amman, Komsanto, near Tokyo, last week until a local official accidentally opened a power supply unit and found the cause — a single dead cockroach.

CRIME. — At least one out of every four Hongkong students has been robbed, mostly by other youngsters, according to a recent survey conducted to support the government's war on violent crime.

ALARM. — Police in Rothwell, England, yesterday hunted a band of burglars who broke into a football clubhouse and left everything untouched except the burglar alarm. They dismantled that and took it with them.

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AFTER MEETING PEKING'S ENVOY NIXON BELIEVES CHINA WANTS CAMBODIAN PEACE

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF. — President Nixon is satisfied beyond doubt that China is genuinely interested in a responsible settlement of the Cambodian war, informed sources said yesterday.

The message that China felt it had a big stake in a political solution to Cambodia and an enduring peace throughout Southeast Asia came through in talks between the President and Huang Chen, China's unofficial envoy in Washington, the sources added.

Mr. Nixon conferred on Friday with the Chinese envoy and during their talks decision was reached on the timing of a visit by presidential adviser Henry Kissinger to Peking for meetings with Chinese Prime Minister Chou En-lai.

Dr. Kissinger, who sounded incredulous when asked to comment

on a statement by exiled Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk that he would not meet him in Peking, Nixon said held discussions with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka in Washington on July 31 and August 1.

The sources said the date would be announced next weekend.

Asked what he thought of Prince Sihanouk's remark, Dr. Kissinger replied: "That is almost inconceivable to me."

The Prince, who set up his government-in-exile in Peking following his overthrow in 1970, was believed to be putting forward a maximum bargaining position, which he would be prepared to negotiate with Dr. Kissinger despite his public refusal to meet him.

The Cambodian Government, which

sentenced Prince Sihanouk to death in absentia, said through Foreign Minister Loung Boret that it would be prepared to hold talks with Prince Sihanouk if it became clear he was speaking for the Cambodian insurgents.

These developments, notably the influence China was apparently bringing to bear, gave rise to cautious optimism among observers that a settlement was in sight, perhaps by August 15, when Congress has decided a halt to the American bombing in Cambodia.

There were hints — though no confirmation — that Mr. Huang in his talks with the President and Dr. Kissinger had raised the possibility that Prime Minister Chou might come to the U.S. this year, though not as an official visitor.

Dr. Kissinger told reporters that speculation about such a visit was groundless "at the moment" — a phrase normally used by the White House to indicate that something is in the planning stage.

On Friday night, the presidential adviser gave a dinner in a Los Angeles restaurant for Mr. Huang and his wife, attended by 50 people including film personalities Bob Hope, Kirk Douglas, Danny Kaye and Jill St. John, who often accompanies Dr. Kissinger.

In Washington James Schlesinger, the new Secretary of Defense, on Friday left open the possibility that President Nixon might request new authority to bomb Cambodia beyond the August 15 cut-off date.

In his first news conference as defense chief, Mr. Schlesinger expressed confidence the government pressed Cambodia would become strong enough to ward off rebel attacks and survive beyond August 15.

He said strikes by B-52 bombers would stay at the current level of about 40 strikes daily. Tactical strikes by F-111 fighter-bombers and F-4 jets will fluctuate around the current level of more than 200 daily, he said.

Yesterday, U.S. B-52 heavy bombers kept up their attacks on two sides of the Cambodian capital, unleashing hundreds of tons of explosives on suspected anti-government positions. They poured supply lines 70 kms. west of Phnom Penh and 50 kms. north of the capital along Highway 7.

The Cambodian military command reported government forces abandoned a strategic hill position 32 kms. north of Phnom Penh after a battle with insurgents. The position, Phnom Del, overlooks the intersection of northbound Routes 6 and 7.

Regarding the U.S. bombing, Premier Chou En-lai on Friday reaffirmed China's solid backing for Prince Sihanouk and said the bombing of Cambodia was futile. "The more you bomb the less he (Sihanouk) cares," Mr. Chou was quoted as telling eight visiting U.S. Congressmen.

Mr. Chou also reportedly told a delegation:

"The U.S.-Soviet statement on non-use of nuclear weapons was just a piece of paper, and not reliable." He pointed out that a million Soviet troops are on China's western border despite a 25-year-old friendship treaty with Russia.

China is "not in a hurry" to settle the Taiwan problem, but he repeated that he would not accept Mr. Nixon's invitation to visit Washington as long as the U.S. maintained relations with the Chiang Kai-shek government. (Reader, AP)

Swiss seek to extradite former IOS official

GENEVA (AP). — Swiss authorities announced on Friday they will seek the extradition of former IOS chairman Milton Meisner from Luxembourg where he was arrested over a week ago.

Pierre Christian Weber, examining magistrate, said Meisner is to be tried along with IOS founder Bernard Cornfeld, held here in investigative custody since May 14. Both IOS men are Americans.

Weber, who returned here from questioning Meisner in Luxembourg, said in a statement that the Swiss will issue an international warrant charging him with fraud, embezzlement, and dishonest management.

Warrants valid for Switzerland only were already circulated in February against Meisner and several other former leading IOS officials, including Robert L. Vesco, now in Costa Rica, and James Roosevelt, oldest son of the late American president.

Cornfeld was placed incommunicado in a solitary cell at the Geneva jail for the past five days, apparently to make sure there were no contacts between him and Meisner, informed sources said.

The order was lifted Friday and Cornfeld was allowed to meet again with other inmates of the 18th century prison and also to see his lawyers.

Protest ship sails into N-test zone

WELLINGTON. — The New Zealand frigate Otago steamed into France's nuclear testing zone in the Southern Pacific yesterday, with battle pennants flying and shadowed by a French reconnaissance aircraft.

The 2,400 ton frigate entered the 195 kms. danger zone around Mururoa Atoll early yesterday but is under strict instructions not to penetrate the 19 kms. territorial limit around the atoll itself.

It was reported that the large battle ensigns — traditionally signalling a warship's going into action — had been hoisted to facilitate identification of the Otago.

When Prime Minister Norman Kirk ordered the Otago to sail to Mururoa, he made clear the voyage was to be one of silent protest at France's planned nuclear tests and confrontation with France would not be sought. (AP, Reader)

5 Chileans to political exile in Ecuador

SANTIAGO (UPI). — President Salvador Allende sent five right-wingers into exile yesterday, allegedly for being implicated in an unsuccessful military revolt last week.

Allende said they would be safe conduct passes for the five leaders of the Fatherland and Liberty Movement to fly to political exile in Ecuador.

The five went to the Ecuadorian Embassy in Santiago a few hours after Loyalist troops smashed the uprising by an armoured regiment.

The Fatherland and Liberty Movement was formed after Allende's election in 1970.

Allende asked for a dialogue with his opposition and said that a "horrible dictatorship" would crush Chile if he was overthrown.

He said he was permitting the "traitors and cowards" to depart only out of respect for Ecuador, which had granted asylum and requested the safe conduct passes in accordance with Latin American tradition.

IRELAND 'Psychopathic killers' in car kill Catholic

BELFAST (UPI). — Gunmen in a car sprayed a Belfast Roman Catholic street with machinegun fire early yesterday, killing one man and wounding another, police said.

The death of Patrick Bracken, 28, raised the fatality toll in four years of strife among Northern Ireland's majority Protestants, minority Catholics and security forces to 842.

Police said Bracken was killed and Harry Magill, 27, wounded as they left a fish and chips restaurant on Linden Street, in the Catholic Falls area.

"It looks like a random shooting spree by psychopathic killers," a police spokesman said. "They didn't care who they hit. They were just looking for a victim and he (Bracken) was in the wrong place."

Bracken was the 59th victim of assassination in Northern Ireland this year. He died two days after a Protestant extremist group, the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF), killed the Catholic owner of a trucking firm and threatened more Catholics would die.

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Mr. Samuel Goldman, director of Amron, pointed out that only five countries in the entire world know the secret of producing devices which change the quality of the air, and Israel is one of them. A demand for AMCOR's Israel-made "IONOTRON" abroad has developed, and this year Amcor is filling orders from England, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and others for thousands of units totalling more than \$300,000 in value. Now the marketing of the "IONOTRON" has begun in Israel itself. (ADVT.)

Bolivian court releases Nazi Klaus Altmann

LA PAZ (AP). — German-Bolivian businessman Klaus Altmann on Friday was released from a La Paz jail where he has spent four months while the Supreme Court studies a French extradition request.

The court, which still has not decided whether Altmann will be sent to France to meet war crimes charges, agreed to a defence request that the 59-year-old World War II SS captain be granted provisional freedom.

A state prosecutor had ordered Altmann imprisoned in San Pedro jail on March 15.

Communists in Holland deny Palestinian ties

AMSTERDAM (Reuters). — The Dutch Communist Party on Friday denied that it had maintained contacts with Palestinian terrorists.

A statement issued by party headquarters commented on evidence given Thursday at a trial at Kenitra in Morocco by a Moroccan formerly employed in Holland.

The Moroccan, Lahcen ben Mohamed Ikchik, 43, told a military tribunal that he was asked by Palestinians in Holland to undergo military training and, after 45 days in 1969, in a camp in Syria, returned to Holland to facilitate contacts between Palestinian leaders and the Dutch Communist Party.

The party said it "has had no contacts whatsoever with Palestinian resistance organizations."

Ikchik and 156 other men are charged with the attempted overthrow of the Moroccan regime by launching terrorist operations there early this year.

U.S. Navy's black admiral promoted

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. Navy on Friday named Rear-Adm. Samuel Gravelly, its only black admiral, to command a cruiser-destroyer group containing 31 ships and 8,300 men.

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Rhodesian hunt for 21 kidnapped Africans

SALISBURY (Reuters). — Rhodesian security forces searched dense scrubland in northeast Rhodesia yesterday for 21 African school pupils and workers still missing after being kidnapped from a remote German Jesuit mission on Thursday night by heavily armed guerrillas.

The head of St. Albert's mission, Father Egon Rojek, 41, said the missing party was being held by one guerrilla and consisted of 36 senior students, a primary school teacher, two kitchen maids, and a local girl.

Since a band of 20 to 30 young guerrillas forced their way into the mission on Thursday and kidnapped 292 men, women and children, a total of 252 have been rescued by the security forces or have managed to escape themselves.

The raiders, who carried sub-machineguns, told mission priests they were taking the children for guerrilla training and headed off for the Mozambique border, about 80 kms. away. But it now seems most likely the guerrilla party has scattered.

"We believe it is impossible for the guerrillas to reach the Mozambique border across the Zambezi valley without food and when watering places are few," Father Rojek said.

One of the mission priests, Father

Clemens Freyer, who volunteered to accompany the party, has returned to the mission, and Father Rojek said a further 33 boys returned to St. Albert's yesterday morning.

He said the boys who returned reported food and water was scarce and that they had not been fed since their capture. "Many of the children are very weak from hunger," Father Rojek added. He was worried that as the captive party became smaller it would be more difficult for the students to escape.

"We hope that the security forces will find them soon," he said.

Rhodesian Centre bombed in Sydney

SYDNEY (UPI). — Two petrol bombs thrown through a window on Friday damaged the front offices of the Rhodesian Information Centre here, police said. There were no persons in the building at the time.

A few minutes after the incident, a telephone caller to a Sydney newspaper said bombs had been thrown through the windows of the Rhodesian centre and "I'll do it again so long as there is racial discrimination in Rhodesia."

Denz Bradley, director of the centre, said he had had several threats made against his life over the past few months.

Cyprus Church overrules defrocking of Makarios

NICOSIA (UPI). — A Major Synod of the Eastern Greek Orthodox Church has ruled the defrocking of President Archbishop Makarios by his three senior bishops was "uncanonical and therefore void and inactive," a spokesman for the Church of Cyprus said yesterday.

The spokesman said the two patriarchs and 120 other prelates attending the Synod overruled this week by Makarios agreed without dissent Friday night to a communiqué condemning the defrocking.

The bishops, supporters of Makarios' longtime foe Gen. George Grivas, announced in April they had

formed a synod to defrock Makarios for violating Church law unless he resigned as President of Cyprus.

"Only the Archbishop of the Church of Cyprus has the authority to convene the Holy Synod of the island's Church under his chairmanship," it said. "Therefore the Synod which decided to defrock Archbishop Makarios was illegally convened."

Makarios, who has served as President of Cyprus for the 13 years since the Mediterranean island won independence from Britain, came under attack by the bishops as Grivas mounted a guerrilla campaign to overthrow him to make way for "Enosis" — union with Greece.

In response Makarios dismissed Bishop Gennadios of Paphos for being absent from his See for almost a year and called the Major Synod of bishops from the Greek Orthodox patriarchates to try his attackers on charges of plotting, creating a schism and holding illegal assemblies.

3,925 killed since Bangladesh founded

DACCA (Reuters). — A total of 3,925 people have been killed by unknown attackers and 177 women abducted and 190 raped in Bangladesh since the founding of the state two years ago, Home Minister Abdul Malek Ukil told Parliament.

Red Cross reorganizes, names new president

GENEVA (Reuters). — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Friday announced a sweeping reorganization to make its work more effective.

The 110-year-old, all-Swiss committee will keep its present name, but will be divided into a 25-member legislative assembly and an executive board of up to seven members. Hitherto the committee combined both legislative and executive functions in a single body.

The new president of the organization is 72-year-old Eric Martin, a distinguished doctor of medicine

and former rector of Geneva University.

He takes over from 53-year-old Marcel Naville, the energetic and controversial president of the ICRC for the past four years, during whose presidency the Red Cross faced new challenges ranging from aid to Biafra to problems of guerrilla activity and international hijackings.

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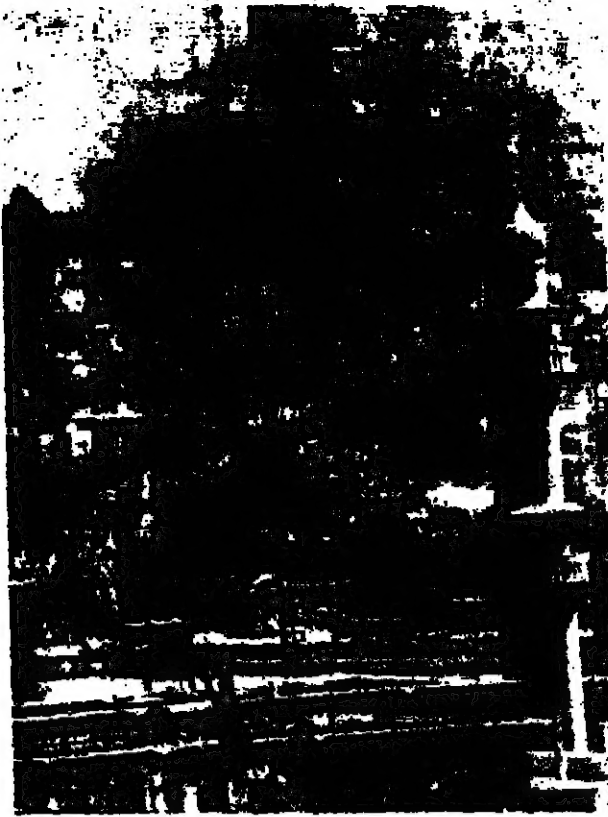
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How Black
September
was born

In the second instalment of its report on Black September, the "Sunday Telegraph" research team, headed by Christopher Dobson, tells how the terror group emerged from the defeat of El Fatah at the hands of King Hussein and grew to become the cover organization for the terror blackmail activities of the parent group. The third instalment will appear tomorrow.



Amman under fire in September 1970.

FATAH itself grew out of the instability of the Arab States to strike at Israel, and after the Six Day War Nasser encouraged its operations as the only way in which to inflict any harm on the Israelis, saying it was "one of the most healthy phenomena that came directly after defeat."

Fatah grouped in Jordan after the war because 60 per cent of the Jordanian population comes from Palestine and because the terrain of Jordan is ideal for guerrilla operations. They were still capable only of small-scale operations but they raided across the River Jordan, laying mines and setting ambushes and doing enough damage to provoke the Israeli Army into mounting a full-scale assault on their armed base in the village of Karameh.

This assault, on March 21, 1968, proved a turning point in Fatah's history because the young commandos fought both bravely and effectively against the Israelis. They suffered many casualties and they were helped by the timely intervention of a Jordanian armoured force but, nevertheless, they put up a good show and the news of their fight spread throughout the Arab world.

Its effect was incredible. The Arabs had lived on a diet of defeat for so long that they had no hope left and suddenly they were told that a small guerrilla force had defeated the might of the Israeli Army. That this was not strictly true did not matter; it provided a ray of hope, of pride, in the bitterness of their despair and degradation. Recruits and money and weapons poured into Fatah. They grew bold. They swaggered through Jordan with their new Russian weapons. The period from 1968 to 1969 was the golden era of the Palestinian resistance movement. During the same period Nasser started the War of Attrition across the Suez Canal. Arab guns were firing again. The dream of regaining the lost land of Palestine seemed attainable.

But the seeds of further disaster had already taken root. There were divisive forces at work with rivalries developing between Fatah, the revolutionary Left-Wing Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and its Maoist offshoot, the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. A Syrian-sponsored organization, and the Arab Liberation Front sponsored by the Iraqi Uday broke down. The guerrillas were also taking casualties, with the Israelis inflicting severe punishment on the Fatah raiding parties across the Jordan. And, most dangerous of all, although the guerrillas were too cocksure to see it, was the fact that King Hussein and the Beduin backbone of his army were becoming more and more alarmed at the way in which the commandos appeared to be taking over Jordan.

One army officer tied a brassiere to the aerial of his tank and when Hussein asked him why, he replied: "Because we are behaving like women."

Golden era

The end of the golden era came when Nasser accepted the Rogers Plan for a cease-fire across the Canal, and Hussein, provoked beyond endurance by the P.F.L.P.'s hijacking of three airliners to Dawson's Field in the summer of 1970, turned on the commandos and in a great slaughter killed some 4,000.

Among the victims was a one-eyed fighting man of great ugliness and enormous strength who had gathered round him some of the best of the young guerrillas. The Palestinians claim that he was wounded and captured by Hussein's Beduin and then tortured to death and dragged through the villages behind a tank. His name was Abu Ali Iyad. He was no relation of Black September's Abu Iyad but his death played a vital part in the formation of Black September. For the young men who had fought with him and his relatives, particularly his sister, determined to avenge his death. They formed their own small secret society inside Fatah called "The Revenging Palestinians." This was the first step in the formation of Black September.

Fatah was now in disarray. Many of its leaders and best fighting men had been killed. The remnants had fled from Jordan. They were welcomed in Egypt. Syria imposed stringent curbs on their operations. So did Iraq. Lebanon was the only country weak enough with a common border with Israel in which they could operate. They were given complete control over fifteen refugee camps in Lebanon. They were also allowed camps and tactical bases in the Arkoub, a desolate area.



Wasil Tal, Black September's first victim, and the four who killed him.

area in the south-east corner of Lebanon from where they launched Katyusha rocket attacks on the Israeli agricultural settlements of the Upper Galilee.

The Israelis responded with heavy punitive raids into Lebanon, attacks designed not only to kill commandos but also to convince the Lebanon that it must curb the commandos' activities. The guerrilla campaign against Israel failed. So Fatah came under pressure from all sides. It was paid money by the rich oil states, as Damaged, its men were trained in Egypt and Libya and Algeria, and a flood of words was set flowing on its behalf. But nothing active was done. The Palestinians could no longer mount military operations. They were afraid that Karameh would be forgotten, and Palestine would be lost for ever.

Near despair

It was in this atmosphere of near despair that Fatah's Revolutionary Council met in Damascus in September, 1971. The members were split between hawks and doves, between Arafat and the politicians and Abu Iyad and the young militants of The Revenging Palestinians and their supporters. We can now reveal how this meeting led to the formation of Black September.

The hawks argued that the only course open to them if they wanted to remain in existence was to turn to clandestine activity, using spectacular terrorist coups to make and keep the world aware of the Palestinian cause. It did not matter, they said, how much damage they did or how many people were killed as long as they remained a factor in any settlement.

The doves' argument was that the Palestinians had never really been a military power and it had been foolish ever to dream of winning back their lost paradise of Palestine in a military fight against Israel. Their aim had to be political, they said, and it had to be directed at gaining sufficient support to be able to exercise a veto over any Arab country making peace with Israel.

So the aims were the same. Only the methods of achieving them were different. This had been the original cause of the split between Fatah and the P.F.L.P., with the latter demanding that they should become a clandestine organization, while Arafat and his men insisted that Fatah was a National Liberation Movement which had to operate politically and militarily in the open.

This open policy had failed and now the argument had arisen again within Fatah's ranks. There was a bitter debate. A vote was taken. Arafat and his doves were the more numerous, and they won. But it was not as simple as that. The young hawks, furious at being denied their terrorist activity, started to drift away from Fatah to join the P.F.L.P. who, with their hijackings, had proved their readiness to indulge in terror. And so Fatah decided to have its terrorist cake and eat it, too.

The decision was taken to carry out clandestine operations, to mount terrorist attacks designed to shock the world, and to widen the scope of those attacks to include not only the Israelis as victims but anybody who might conceivably be helping the Israelis.

But Fatah was not willing to accept the responsibility for these attacks. Arafat wanted to keep his

organization clean of the charge of terrorism and to avoid embarrassing those Arab Governments who finance Fatah.

So Black September was formed as a cover organization under which Fatah could carry out its policy of blackmail by terror. Its first operation took place on November 28, 1971, when Wasil Tal, Prime Minister of Jordan, was assassinated by four young men in the foyer of Cairo's Sheraton Hotel. This operation was planned by Abu Iyad, one of the men killed by the Israelis in the Beirut raid. He was the assassin from the young men who had fought with Abu Ali Iyad, got them to Cairo and then flew in himself carrying their weapons under the diplomatic immunity of an Algerian passport. He also organized a back-up scheme, a Palestinian girl student who was supposed to hurl a grenade at Wasil Tal if the men failed.

Immediately after the killing the four killers proudly proclaimed that they had executed Tal in revenge for the death of Abu Ali Iyad and the name of Black September was sprung upon the world. It was said to commemorate the slaughter of their comrades in Jordan the previous September for which Tal was held responsible.

Joyful killers

The joyful way in which the killers claimed credit for the assassination and the evocative name given to their organization ensured world-wide publicity. The hawks had proved their point. It is noticeable that the propaganda line which had started out by claiming that the killing had been for revenge, switched to the more general one of fighting for justice for the Palestinians.

The pattern was set. The Egyptians let the killers out on bail, gave them flats to live in and money to spend. They were seen gambling at the casino in the hotel in which they had killed. Two of them were allowed to leave Egypt "to carry on the fight." The other two, the trigger men, Mosa Khadda and Rahab Issa, who had lost two fingers fighting alongside Abu Ali Iyad, were prevented from leaving only by the last-minute intervention of the still honest Egyptian judiciary, which balked at letting admitted killers go free without a trial. At present they are living in the rich Cairo suburb of Helwan.

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ON BEING ADDRESSED AS MS.

There are more serious problems in the Middle East — but how exactly is one supposed to feel on receiving a letter (in English — or rather, in American) with the salutation "Ms."?

My own reaction is that, for some odd reason, I am being addressed as "Missuscript." Ms. is short for *maiusculum*, or as one should probably say, *personae scriptum*, which sounds as Rumanian as it does Liberated.

Now, "Mauiusculum Dudman" strikes me as a very pleasant title, with interesting publishing intimations, and I never for a moment assume that what is meant is "Master of Surgery" or "Memorial Service," or possibly "Motor/Ship." But the proper serious response, I understand, falls into four categories. There are those who enjoy being called "Ms." (pronounced "ma"), as the most unliberated Southern Belle might. There are those who dislike it; those who don't care; and those who don't notice.

The pro-Ms. argument, taken

fairly seriously in some American circles, is that it is wrong to differentiate between married and unmarried women; "Mr." after all, does for all men, so why the distinction for women? And, ideology apart, think of the confusion spared in office mailing lists (or the spared accumulation of R's the world over).

The unmarried woman, so the theory goes, should not constantly face the nagging emphasis implicit in "Miss," while the married woman should not have her nose rubbed in her status as an adjunct.

How pleasantly, by contrast, our all-purpose "gender" arrangement things! The whole marriage problem is avoided. Not only that, but Hebrew usage has no parallel for the really peculiar "Mrs. John Smith"; no "gender" is ever followed by a man's first name, and even the newest bride will always be "Geveret Simlani Smith."

We pay a certain price for this great-handedness, however. Because of the Hebrew lan-

By Helga Dudman

guage's insistence on gender in the second-person verb form, I have more than once addressed high-pitched male voices as women over the telephone, and women with deep-pitched voices in the masculine form.

The Americans would have much more fun if they would only go back to their Anglo-Saxon sources. "Mrs." for instance, was originally an abbreviation for "mistress" — and so was "Miss." If everybody were called "mistress" regardless of status, there might be even so much more gaiety in social intercourse. The Shorter Oxford Dictionary, by the way, gives as the first definition of "Miss": "A kept mistress. Less commonly, a whore." The pre-lib edition of Webster's gives "My dear Madam" as a correct form of address for an unmarried woman — and Madam, too, has its range of meanings. "Mistress" is the "weakened form of Mistress" — true indeed. The Hebrew "Mar," of course

(spelled *men-reah*) is nothing of the sort: it is the acronym for *Morenu Rabenu* ("Our teacher, our rabbi").

Another meaning "rake" (gardening implement) crops up on the same line in my dictionary; so do several others — bitterness, drop (as in bucket), one spelling for myriad, and square metres, abbreviated.

If you believe that battles can be fought through terminology, you can find windfalls for tilting at in Hebrew. Years ago an Israeli woman told me that in her circles nobody liked to call a husband *ba'al* ("lord") or "master"; however ("friend") was preferred. She has long since been divorced.

The magical powers of words can be greatly exaggerated. The most hen-pecked husbands in the Middle East go around rolling the resounding Biblical phrase *l'ani* — "my woman" while classically domineering wives say *ba'al*. It is too bad our linguistic options are not open to formula-seeking American

women, who could swivel from *ben sugat* (my other half) to *hachufat sheli* (*le-hayyim* (my partner in life), acronymically, *shashach*).

Because over there, I have noticed, it is believed that phenomena can be made more swinging by switching words. In an entirely different context, for instance: why in the world have they started saying "ongoing" when they mean plain old "continuing," and why is "strutted" suddenly so much more "meaningful" than "organized"?

Most of the above is only an excuse for telling the following little story. My neighbour had to telephone an office associate at her home one evening. A squeaky voice answered, and my neighbour asked for "Geveret Cohn" at just about the instant he realized that he was talking to the four-year-old son. (This story loses a little in translation.) "Geveret Cohn isn't home," said the child. "But you can talk to Gever Cohn."

Call for ban on smoking in Finland

HELSINKI (UPI). — Cigarette smoking could lead to a six-month prison sentence in Finland if a special government committee gets its way.

A cigarette-smoking committee has recommended to the government that smoking be prohibited or restricted in nearly all public places. Breaking the law would result in a fine or jail.

The committee also recommended that cigarette advertising be prohibited, that tobacco not be sold to persons under 18, and that cigarette machines not be placed in areas where children can readily use them.

The Minister of Social Affairs and Health has taken the report under advisement and has circulated it to several government agencies. If the government accepts it, the proposals would be brought before Parliament. Professor Eero Tuori, chairman of the committee, said general reaction to the report was favourable. "Newspapers from the far right to the far left have given us favourable headlines," he said. "There is a feeling we should do something to protect the non-smoker."

The committee recommended that all offices, factories, hospitals, schools and trains would have to provide special rooms for those wanting to smoke. Anyone who smoked in a general area and was asked to stop and refused could be arrested.

"There is a general opinion that people should be allowed to smoke as much as they want, but, non-smokers also have the right to fresh and clean air. Therefore, we think it is justified to have rules restricting where people can smoke," Tuori said.

The committee exempted cafes and restaurants from the restrictions because no one is forced to go to such places, Tuori said. Even so, each establishment would have to maintain sufficient ventilation to ease smoke congestion. Banks and government offices were included in the list because people have to go there for business, Tuori said. "There has been recent evidence that non-smokers suffer from the side effects of smoking. Headaches are the most prevalent ailments," Tuori added.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN ISRAEL

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AMERICANS, for all their world sophistication, are provincial. It is hard for them to understand, let alone accept, a way of life different from their own.

To help them, and other English-speaking immigrants, understand why Israel is the way it is, and to do something more constructive than complain — Dr. Kitty Cohen founded the Institute of Israel Studies at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv. The Institute, which started its weekly lecture series in December, finished its first "year" last month and is planning an expanded programme for next year, which will begin after the holidays.

Dr. Cohen, a lecturer in English literature, came here 25 years ago. But she is concerned about the problems of today's immigrant. "Whenever I would meet up with English-speaking immigrants, particularly Americans, I would always hear the same question. Why don't I have someone, like a Congressman or Senator to turn to with problems? If I didn't send my son to Vietnam, why should I have to send him to the Israeli Army? Why are things so inefficient and bureaucratic here? After I gave the same answers over and over again, I decided something more serious had to be done to reach these people." She took a year's sabbatical leave and organized the Institute.

But why, I asked, should immigrants who you yourself say came here with high ideals and great dreams — have to ask such questions? "If they hadn't bothered to read up on Israel's situation, why don't they do it now? These are, after all, people who are particularly proud of their intellectual and professional abilities."

Language barrier

"The problem is," she replied, "that they don't feel part of Israeli society. If they read a book or newspaper, they have no one to whom they can express their opinions, no one to answer their doubts and questions. If I can bring a government minister or a university professor to talk to them, and to answer their questions, they will begin to feel this is their country, too."

But if they really want to be



Dr. Kitty Cohen

part of the country, I pressed, you should encourage them to learn Hebrew and to come into the mainstream of Israeli society. Why provide another English-speaking ghetto?

"You can't force people to learn Hebrew. At best, it takes time. You have to let them become absorbed in their own way — and for these people that means a social and cultural atmosphere in which they can express themselves freely, and receive information and social stimulus, in English. I think the proof is in the fact that people responded to the idea. When I went around to banks and factories to solicit contributions for the Institute, they all said no one would come. Tel Aviv, after all, is a city with lots of cultural activities. But over 100 people registered the first week, and some lectures were attended by more than 200 people."

DURING the first experimental

season, the Institute included four "seminars" — or series of lectures — covering Political Institutions, Economics, Demography of Israel and Defence. Several towns — including visits to the Knesset and to the Suez Canal — were also organized. "The lectures on demography, for instance, included one on the Yeminites. I'm sure that if these immigrants have a Yeminite maid, they will not treat her as a stranger any longer."

In choosing lecturers, Dr. Cohen looks for people who are both "thinkers and doers." "When the Minister of Absorption came, I didn't want the evening to turn into an immigrants' complaint session. My purpose was for the audience to understand why the Ministry of Absorption functions the way it does. They all hate the Jewish Agency but when Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, spoke to them about the history and functions of the organization, they were more willing to look at the other side of the coin."

How to volunteer

Dr. Cohen also wants to provide "a bridge between the immigrants' high ideals and the realities of life here." When a dedicated Israeli Zionist talks to the group about how his functions on a practical level without losing his idealism, the immigrants — Dr. Cohen believes — are encouraged to do the same.

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Saudi Arabia, Kuwait to oil customers: freeze export prices

REUTERS. — Oil Ministers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, two of the biggest producers in the Middle East, have called for efforts to freeze export prices of oil.

The call came in separate interviews reported yesterday by the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), a weekly review of oil topics published here.

Both interviews, with Prince Saud al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia's Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, and Mr. Abdel-Rahman Salem al-Ahmed, Kuwait's Minister of Finance and Oil, were conducted in Vienna last week following the conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

The survey quoted Prince Saud as saying, in what it described as a "message to the consumers," that "the industrial nations of the world must not demand more than what they are willing to pay for oil."

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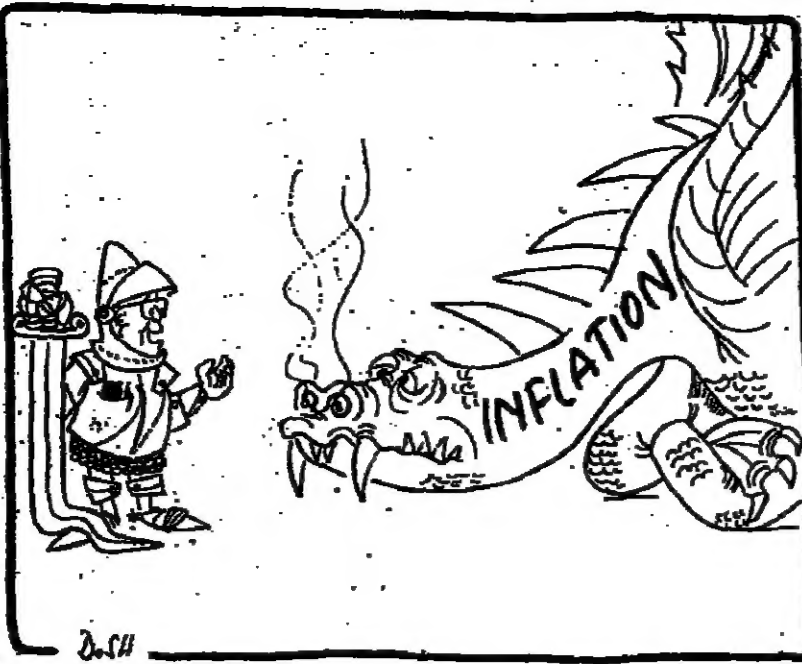
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TRUCE FOR 3 MONTHS, O.K.?

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U.N. drafting plan for lean years

GENEVA (Reuters). — The United Nations is working on emergency food plans with leading grain exporting countries in case of a world food shortage, the U.N. Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) was told last week.

Dr. A.H. Boerma, director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), told Ecosoc's annual meeting that grain stocks were at their lowest in 20 years.

There was no sign of any improvement in the food situation in the near future and contingency planning was necessary in case the present dangerous situation grew worse, he said.

Dr. Boerma said the world food situation gave rise to acute anxiety. "If there were to be a further serious deterioration in crop conditions in such vital producing areas as North America, the Far East or the Soviet Union, there could well be a world-wide grain shortage," he said.

It could come later in the 1973-74 season which is just starting now," he said.

Dr. Boerma said it was important not to be alarmed. The situation had not reached the same sort of critical stage as in the years after the Second World War when an international emergency food council had to be instituted to allocate supplies.

"I would however submit that in the present uncertain situation, special steps need to be taken by the major grain-exporting countries to protect the position of developing nations today," he said.

"To put the matter bluntly, it would no longer be tolerable in a period of scarcity that the world should be subject to a system of international rationing by price where the biggest share would automatically go to the richest or earliest bidder," he said.

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Sapir to reply to scientists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has promised Defence Ministry scientists that a final answer to their wage demands will be given by the end of this week. For the past two weeks the scientists have been on a partial strike—including a two-hour work stoppage—in an effort to equalize their pay with those of scientists at institutions of higher learning.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan reportedly refused last week to meet with a delegation of scientists, claiming that he was not prepared to take a stand until negotiations on their demands had been completed with the appropriate authorities.

All in all some 1,000 Defence Ministry scientists including those working for Raphael—are involved.

They claim that there is a net monthly wage-gap of IL500 between what they are earning, and the average salary of scientists with the same academic qualifications, employed at a university. Professors, they claim, earn as much as IL1,000 net per month more than their most senior members.

Higher pay for 'humanists'

TEL AVIV. — A labour contract for graduates in humanities and social sciences working for the Government and the public institutions was signed last week.

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U.K. firm gets contract in Algeria

ALGERIERS (Reuters). — The British company Pritchard-Rhodes will construct two new natural gas liquefaction units for Algeria at the big liquefaction complex at Sidkida under a contract signed here Friday night.

Informal sources said the deal was worth nearly £50m. for Pritchard-Rhodes, British subsidiary of the American group International Systems and Control (ISC).

Three units of the Sidkida complex are already built, and have started providing gas for the French armée de France under a long-term contract.

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Solar energy cost 'frightens investors'

PARIS (UPI). — Two U.S. space experts said here last week that the high cost of converting from oil to sunshine for energy was frightening away private industry.

They were speaking to newsmen at the conclusion of the world's largest international conference on solar energy, sponsored by Unesco.

Joseph Lindmeyer, of the U.S. Municipalities Satellite Corp., at Clarkburg, Pennsylvania, said that experts "who continually repeat that solar energy is expensive are frightening investors and holding up development." He added that, "solar energy will not take off until somebody invests money in it."

Using solar cells that were developed for U.S. space ships, Lindmeyer converted into electric energy now costs about \$100 per watt. (Electricity in the U.S. costs about \$1 per kilowatt-hour.)

Dr. Wilbur Pritchard, president of Fairchild Space and Electronic Corp., at Germantown, Maryland, said, "Using space cells is not yet economical but is getting closer, especially because the cost of energy is going up rapidly."

Dr. Harry Tabor, of the National Physical Laboratory of Israel, said the first solar energy engine was displayed at the Paris Fair of 1882. "Little progress has been made in 90 years because solar devices are very expensive to make initially, even though there is no fuel cost once you have one," he said.

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Gazit takes over at Ashdod Port

ASHDOD. — Transport Minister Shimon Peres took over the Ashdod Port Friday, saying they have "never broken their word in any agreement undertaken."

He was speaking at a ceremony welcoming Ashdod Port's new manager, Yitzhak Gazit, who took over from Mordechai Berger. Mr. Peres urged the port workers to cooperate with their new manager to make Ashdod the "most efficient port in the country."

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SARDINES TO COST CANNERS 4 PER CENT MORE

HAIFA. — The country's sardine fishers have been granted a 4 per cent price rise for the catches they sell to industry this year. The decision was made by two arbitrators, senior officials of the Ministries of Commerce and Industry and Agriculture.

The Fishermen's Union last month signed a contract with industry for the sale of this year's catches for processing, but the two sides were unable to reach agreement on the price. While industry demanded the same price as last year, the Union's calculations, checked by the Agriculture Ministry, showed that their costs had gone up 12 per cent.

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Israeli union backs German in shipping dispute

HAIFA. — The Israeli Marine Officers' Union will help the German Seamen's Union and the International Transport Federation in their dispute with German ship owners who refuse to sign the usual Federation contracts with their crews.

The owners of one such ship, m.s. Doan, presently moored in Haifa, have already signed such a contract with the crew after having heard that Israeli harbour pilots—who are union members—would refuse to sail the ship out of port, according to Marine Officers' Union Secretary Adam Zislik.

Mr. Zislik informed The Jerusalem Post that further action was contemplated against other German ships on the blacklist which may arrive here. He added that, at the request of delegates from the West German union, the Marine Officers' Union would investigate whether Zim has signed Federation contracts for its two container ships, Zim-Tokyo and Zim-New York, presently operating under the German flag.

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BOURGUIBA BUBBLE

ON the old though dubious principle that there is no smoke without fire we may begin to assume that several Arab states would like to see negotiations begun with Israel. Even though we are still far from anything approaching concrete plans.

President Bourguiba of Tunisia has long favoured talking over fighting. He has now withdrawn his suggestion that he might hold talks with Israeli leaders because of the "prior condition" he claims the Israelis have posed: that there be no move from occupied areas before peace talks. No Arab leader could accept such a condition, he argues. He has also let it be known that he considers Israel should withdraw — he gave no details, but he might easily have meant at all points. Including the Western Wall and the Old City and Sharm el-Sheikh, as well as the Golan Heights — and then proceed to negotiate for agreement on the 1947 so-called Partition borders, which would have left Israel in three separate sections connected only by a gate on a road that also connected two sections of the intended Palestinian state.

It has taken Bourguiba 25 years to arrive at this conclusion, which all the Arab states rejected in 1947. The irony of the reality of the quarter-century that has since passed, the original patchwork, federated scheme would have been unworkable, for it was not capable of being defended by either side. The 1947 scheme was unworkable because it assumed the two sides would cooperate in a closely linked federal grouping.

In fact, Israel has offered to negotiate now without prior conditions, just as before 1967, when it was willing to do so from within the borders to which Bourguiba would like to demand a return today prior to talks. Jordan television Hebrew news put it more simply a while ago, when the newscaster protested that Israel was mak-

ing "the condition of no conditions" for talks.

It is not much comfort to us that Bourguiba's demands on King Hussein should have been equally extreme, that he cede Jordan to a Palestinian state to be established by the decision of other Arab states, on pain of assassination. According to this scheme, Israel would be reduced to some small areas within a fairly massive Palestinian state. King Hussein has not taken kindly to the suggestion, just as we need not look favourably on the charge that Mrs. Meir is "a liar."

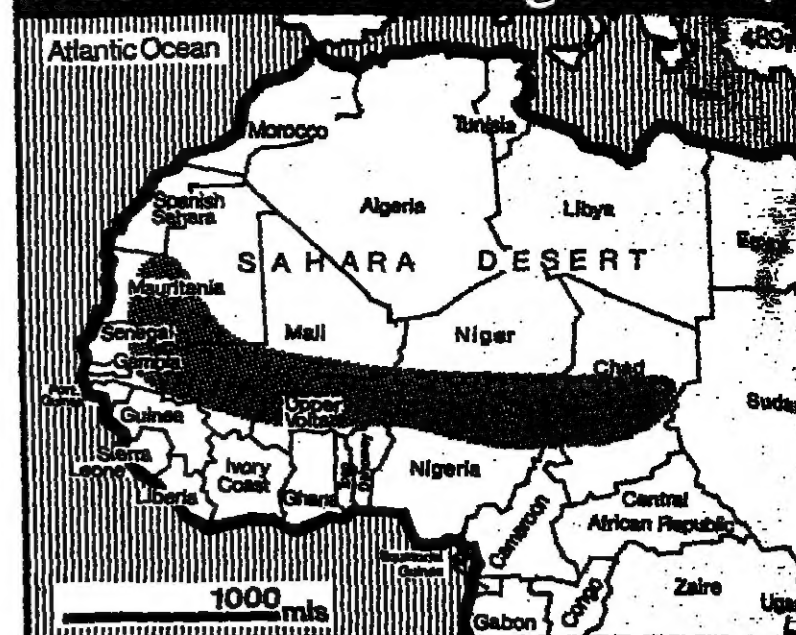
Nevertheless, a few short years from now, all this shadow-brooding may be recognized for what it undoubtedly is — the first explicit Arab recognition that Israel exists and will have to be recognized. If we are to look for reasons for this development, they might be cited in order of importance as Israel's defence capacity, which makes further assaults appear likely to cause more losses to Arab states; Soviet down-grading of military support of the Arab states, again largely because of Israel's military superiority; broad hints that Soviet Russia is ready to resume normal relations with Israel; and last but not least, the close contacts between Israel and its Arab neighbours since 1967, which have helped to dispel the bogeyman image and made recognition and cooperation appear more possible.

Peace is not yet round the corner, but it is down a road that is now in full view. It will need strength and persistence to walk that road under assault by Arab terrorists abroad, where it is difficult to fight them, but we should take courage from President Bourguiba's proposals, however unacceptable they may seem from Egypt's position over the union with Colonel Gaddafi's Libya, and Russia's evident decision that peace with the U.S. and Europe is more crucial to its interests than full favour of the Arab states.



French plane drops sacks of cattle fodder over parched lands of Upper Volta.

West Africa: drought areas



DROUGHT PERIL IN AFRICA

By KAYE WHITEMAN and UVEDALE TRISTRAM

TWENTY-FIVE million people in sub-Saharan Africa are in peril as a result of the disastrous drought, reported to be the worst in 60 years, which has hit at least six countries stretching half way across the continent.

Great rivers have shrunk to the size of streams in places. Livestock are dying in thousands and carcasses lie rotting on the scorched earth. Scores of thousands of people are on the move in search of food and water.

The countries affected are Senegal, Chad, Mauritania, Mali, Niger and Upper Volta. They are situated in that huge region of West Africa, a vast area of scrub and low-lying grassland, that lies south of the Sahara Desert.

Travellers tell a grim story. Lake Chad is but one third of its normal size and large herds of thirsty elephants have converged on the remaining watering places. Grazing have been seen for the first time in Upper Volta because the River Niger is low enough for them to cross in search of grazing.

Mauritania and Senegal have lost between 20 and 40 per cent of their total livestock populations already, and risk losing much more. Vast stretches of formerly inhabited countryside are now empty of people.

These are only a few external signs of the great natural disaster that has hit the whole of the region. Although there have been individual years of drought earlier this century, such as 1914, there is no comparison on record to the abnormally low rainfalls of the last five years.

One of the worst hit countries is Senegal. Figures like these point to hunger for men, women and children: 500,000 tons of groundnuts this year against 985,000 tons last year; 313,000 tons of sorghum and millet against 583,000 tons; 41,000 tons of rice against 108,000 tons. The arrival of a shipload of Brazilian or Siamese rice makes front page headlines in the Dakar daily "Le Soleil" — and produces long queues outside the shops.

Beyond Dakar the impression of disaster is overwhelming — especially in the northern and eastern

regions, towards the Sahara. A few miles from the city, the dusty, brown Cap Vert earth suddenly gives way to real desert. Sand and dust swirl across the road, collecting in little dunes. Skinny goats, donkeys and cattle move from one scraggy bush to another, searching for a few green leaves. Vultures hover in the cloudless sky.

The six countries have appealed to international agencies for help, which, rather belatedly and in inadequate amounts, is now being distributed in an emergency operation. Of the six, four of them are among the world's least developed countries. All are lacking in natural resources and they are dependent on outsiders for help.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization is coordinating relief operations. Its Regional Representative in Africa, Moise Mensan, says that 6,000,000 people are threatened with death through famine, and that if the drought continues another three or four years the Niger and Senegal rivers could dry up altogether. Even richer coastal countries are now seriously worried at the levels of their

vers, and the effect the drought is having on hydro-electric projects like the Volta Dam at Akosombo, in Ghana, and the Kossou Dam on the Bandama River, in Ivory Coast. Raymond Scheyven, special representative of the Director-General of FAO, on his return from a visit to the stricken countries asked governments to speed food deliveries and to supply aircraft to rush supplies to critical points.

He said it was essential that the maximum possible amounts of food be delivered to the areas where it was needed. In addition to food he listed three priorities: animal feed and vaccines to save the largest possible nucleus of breeding stock so that herds can be replenished later; seeds, especially millet, sorghum and maize for the next harvest; equipment for deepening village wells so that people can return to their villages to prepare for the new harvest.

Latest reports from Senegal state that promises have been received for only half the 150,000 tons of emergency supplies needed and that only 53,000 tons have actually arrived.

Some say there has been lack of international foresight to meet the crisis. Long term agricultural planning is now essential on a large and comprehensive scale. A key factor will be the provision and maintenance of improved storage to conserve stocks on the farms and small traders' stores, and at national level to establish reserve and buffer stocks of food.

An urgent problem is to provide aid before the rains come. Although they may alleviate thirst if they come, they will vastly complicate the problem of distribution of relief to population and livestock. Even if the worst dangers are averted, the difficulties created for desperately poor countries remain.

Moreover, there is much evidence to suggest that over the years the Sahara has been moving slowly southwards, a process described recently by President Sanghor of Senegal as "desertification." After that promises have been received for only half the 150,000 tons of emergency supplies needed and that only 53,000 tons have actually arrived.

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Physicians' strike

Devar (Histadrut) notes: "Despite the physicians' strike there were no upheavals in medical services, and this gives rise to thoughts regarding trying out new ways for rendering medical aid to the needy. A thrifter and more efficient method ought to be tried out, but every system must take the underprivileged into account."

Al Hanihamar (Mapam) declares: "The trends prevailing in the wake of the strike to commercialize medicine must be combated. Such trends do not spell progress — the recurrent retreat of a clearly anti-socialist character."

Ha'arets (non-party), commenting on the Hebrew Mayor's call to East Jerusalem Arabs to participate in the forthcoming municipal elections, remarks: "It would be more fitting for East Jerusalemites to organize themselves in a national hope that youth will understand framework in anticipation of these that only extreme necessity prevents reduction of their service."

selves once again in giving their votes to Jewish party lists."

Haatzotz (National Religious), dealing with election preparations, insists that the N.R.P. must continue to seek partnership in bearing responsibility for the State and its missions. "The constructive religious community," says the paper, "cannot afford a game of sterile opposition."

Haniadot (Agudat Yisrael) delving into the argument surrounding the question of appropriate dress for persons attending the Knesset, contends that the issue is not limited to the confines of the House.

Omer (Histadrut), viewing Knesset Member Shalom Cohen's proposal to reduce the period of military service as an essentially election-year gambit, expresses the hope that youth will understand framework in anticipation of these that only extreme necessity prevents reduction of their service."

STRAUSS VERSUS RACHMANINOFF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I think it unfair and unjustified to call Richard Strauss an anti-Semite. Strauss never was anti-Semitic, no evidence to this effect is available, on the contrary, his friends were mostly Jews. His broadcasts till 1933 were Jews (Korngold and Stefan Zweig). His daughter-in-law was Jewish and, according to the Nazi racial laws, so were his grandchildren. He fought the Nazi officials all the time to protect them.

There is also documented evidence about his brave stand for Stefan Zweig, the author of his opera, "Die schweigsame Frau," and following this, his resignation from all official positions in 1935. And there is no proof at all of any anti-Semitic activity or even utterances of Strauss. On the other hand, a favourite of our orchestras is one of the greatest anti-Semites of all times: Rachmaninoff. He told a German newspaper in 1933 that Hitler did right to eliminate the Jews from Germany. "They have destroyed my country (Russia) too," his works, which are mediocre and over-sentimental, are often played in Israel, but the really great music of Richard Strauss remains taboo.

ROBERT ATLASE
Tel Aviv, June 25.
The Post published a "clarification" on Richard Strauss on June 23 explaining that although Strauss collaborated for a year with the Nazi regime, he was not himself an anti-Semite. Ed. J.P.

MARTIN BUBER STREET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Why is it that no town in Israel has a Martin Buber Street? Surely, there should be such a street in Jerusalem.

Dr. ERNST LINE
Jerusalem, June 27.
The Jerusalem Municipality replies: "We have transferred Dr. Line's letter together with the Mayor's recommendation, to the chairman of the committee in charge of naming streets."
I. GEOSMAN,
Municipal spokesman
Jerusalem, June 27

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SOLAR ECLIPSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The last part of the article on the solar eclipse in your issue of June 29, in which the visibility of the partial eclipse of the sun in Israel is described, includes this statement: "The partial eclipse will be seen easily through sun glasses or a soot-darkened piece of glass."

Well, I suppose that a soot-darkened piece of glass, if dark enough, may be safe for intermittent viewing — I wouldn't know. But I do know that viewing the partial eclipse through sun glasses would cause severe eye damage, even blindness. I certainly hope that none of your readers saw it through sun glasses, because if they did, the partially eclipsed sun may have been the last thing which some of them will ever have seen.

AMOS FEINSTEIN
Haifa, June 30.

LILIAN ENGLERT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I would like to express, through your columns, my own personal feeling of loss at the passing this week of Mrs. Lilian Englert, well-known to scores of your readers. Mrs. Englert headed the Haifa Office of the British Zionist Federation from its beginning, and I had the great privilege of being her secretary for more than two years.

A dynamic, warm-hearted woman with a wonderful sense of humour, she was instrumental in helping hundreds of families to settle in this country. Without her assistance and insistence, countless immigrants would surely have despaired.

The British Zionist Federation have lost an irreplaceable colleague and I a dear friend.

ESTELLE BERMAN
Netanya, June 28.

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VIOLATIONS OF SANITARY CODE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I wish to refer to your article, "Food shops too dirty. Knesset committees says" (June 19). As a food technologist, I can only shudder when I see cream-filled cakes, etc. unrefrigerated in bakery shop windows; meat in open-air markets lying on the counter tops, subjected to all kinds of bacterial contamination, and dozens of other basic violations of any minimal sanitary code.

In my opinion, the authorities are to blame for not educating food merchants on basic hygienic procedures. Having attacks of diarrhoea is just one of those things that one has to live with in Israel as long as basic sanitary procedures in our food establishments are not carried out and enforced.

ROGER LINKER
Jerusalem, June 19.

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